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1. EMBASSY LOOKS FORWARD TO REP. DERWINSKI'S VISIT AND WILL BE PREPARING DETAILED SCHEDULE BASED ON CODEL'S REQUESTS IN PARA 2 REFTEL.

2. TENTATIVE PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOLLOWS:

AUGUST 6 - ARRIVE AMMAN 1730. IN VIEW OF LONG DIRECT FLIGHT TO AMMAN AND LIKELIHOOD CODEL WILL REQUIRE SOME REST, WE ARE NOT SCHEDULING ANY ACTIVITIES THAT EVENING. CODEL WILL BE MET AT AIRPORT BY AMBASSADOR, AND OFFICIALS OF JORDANIAN SENATE AND FOREIGN MINISTRY. SUGGEST REST AND PRIVATE DINNER AT INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL.

AUGUST 7 -- SPEAKER OF SENATE TALHOUNI HAS CONTACTED EMBASSY AND EXPRESSED HIS INTEREST IN ASSISTING IN CODEL PROGRAM AUGUST 7. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMBASSY HAS WORKED OUT WITH TALHOUNI PROGRAM FOR THAT DAY. IT WILL INCLUDE MEETINGS WITH KING HUSSEIN, CROWN PRINCE HASSAN AND WITH SPEAKER TALHOUNI, AND VISIT TO A PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CAMP NEAR AMMAN. (SEVERAL CODELS HAVE VISITED CAMPS IN PAST AND FOUND VISIT WORTHWHILE.) SPEAKER TALHOUNI WILL BE GIVING DINNER IN CODEL'S HONOR IN EVENING, WITH SEVERAL MEMBERS OF JORDANIAN PARLIAMENT IN ATTENDANCE.

AUGUST 8 -- WILL BE DEVOTED TO DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY AND AID PERSONNEL REGARDING FOREGIN SERVICE PERSONNEL SYSTEM AND BRIEFING AND REVIEW OF APO OPERATION REQUESTED PARA 2 REFTEL. MEETINGS WITH AMBASSADOR AND HEADS OF AGENCIES AND WITH EMBASSY STAFF AND AMERICAN FOREIGN SERVICE ASSOCIATION REP AND MEMBERS WILL BE SCHEDULED. EVENING AT 2000 HOURS - AMBASSADOR WOULD LIKE TO HOST DINNER IN CODEL'S HONOR, WITH GROUP OF JORDANIANS INVITED. AUGUST 9 - EARLY MORNING IS AVAILABLE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY AS REQUESTED.

EMBASSY PROPOSES THREE-HOUR GROUND TRANSPORTATION FOR CODEL FROM AMMAN TO DAMASCUS IN VIEW OF FACT SCHEDULED AIRFLIGHT IS NOTORIOUSLY UNRELIABLE AND THREE-HOUR AUTOMOBILE TRIP WOULD BE JUST AS FAST. WE ALSO NOTE THAT CONGRESSMAN IS ALLOTTING ONLY ONE DAY FOR DAMASCUS AND AUTOMOBILE TRIP WOULD ALLOW SLIGHTLY MORE TIME THERE. EMBASSY PROPOSES DEPARTURE FROM AMMAN AT 0900 (AMMAN TIME) TIEH ARRIVAL IN DAMASCUS AT 1330. IF THIS SUGGESTION ACCEPTABLE, PROPOSE, AS USUAL, THAT DAMASCUS MEET CODEL PARTY AT SYRIAN/JORDANIAN BORDER AT 1100 DAMASCUS TIME. (AMMAN IS GMT PLUS 2; DAMASCUS IS GMT PLUS 3).

3. ABOVE CODEL SCHEDULE WOULD BE SUBJECT TO ANY NECESSARY REVISIONS IN EVENT CODEL VISIT OVERLAPS WITH EXPECTED VISIT OF SECRETARY VANCE TO JORDAN.
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